

**Santa Barbara
Local Agency Formation Commission**

Santa Barbara



*Commissioner Roger Aceves
Commissioner Cynthia Allen, Alternate
Commissioner Jay Freeman
Commissioner Craig Geyer
Commissioner Joan Hartmann
Commissioner Steve Lavagnino
Commissioner Holly Sierra, Alternate
Commissioner Shane Stark, Alternate
Commissioner Etta Waterfield
Commissioner Das Williams, Alternate
Commissioner Vacant*

Minutes

Thursday, December 9, 2021
1:00 PM

**JOSEPH CENTENO BETTERAVIA GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD HEARING ROOM
511 EAST LAKESIDE PARKWAY
SANTA MARIA**

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1:00 P.M. Convened to Regular Session**Roll Call**

Present: 9 – Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Geyer, Commissioner Hartmann, Commissioner Lavagnino, Commissioner Sierra, Commissioner Stark, and Commissioner Williams

Pledge of Allegiance**December 9, 2021 Meeting Chair Appointment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Stark, seconded by Commissioner Geyer to appoint Commissioner Aceves as Chair for the December 9, 2021 LAFCO meeting in the absence of Commissioner Waterfield.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Geyer, Commissioner Lavagnino, Commissioner Stark

Approval of Minutes of the November 4, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Geyer to approve the minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Geyer, Commissioner Hartmann, Commissioner Lavagnino, and Commissioner Stark

Public Comment Period

No requests to speak.

Consent Calendar

- 1) Hold a hearing pursuant to Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) & (B) and consider determination that 1) local health officials recommend social distancing to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and 2) as a result of the declared pandemic emergency, requiring in-person attendance at Commission hearings presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees and, therefore, Commission meetings may be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code § 54953(e)(2).
- 2) Receive and file a report on Disbursements for October and November 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Stark to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1 and No. 2

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: **5** – Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Geyer, Commissioner Lavagnino, Commissioner Stark, and

- 3) Approve the 2022 Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission Regular Schedule of Meeting Dates and Locations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Geyer, seconded by Commissioner Lavagnino to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3 as amended during the meeting of December 9, 2021.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: **6** – Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Geyer, Commissioner Hartmann, Commissioner Lavagnino, Commissioner Stark, and

Changes of Organization

- 1) Consider approval of LAFCO application File No. 21-05 for the Hagerman sphere of influence amendment and annexation to Laguna County Sanitation District (Annexation No. 46). Adoption of a Resolution includes the following actions:
 - a) Find the proposal to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15319, Class 19 Annexation of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities and common-sense rule pursuant to CCR Section 15061(b)(3);

- b) Condition approval upon the annexed territory being liable for any existing indebtedness and authorized taxes, charges, fees and assessments of the Laguna County Sanitation District;
- c) Find the subject territory is uninhabited; all affected landowners have given written consent and the annexing agency has given written consent to the waiver of conducting authority proceedings; and;
- d) Waive the conducting authority proceedings and direct the staff to complete the proceeding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Geyer, seconded by Commissioner Stark that this item be acted on as follows:

a) through d) Approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-18

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: **6–** Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Geyer, Commissioner Hartmann, Commissioner Lavagnino, Commissioner Stark

Business Items

- 1) Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Roger Welt.

Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Roger Welt.

- 2) Consider the adoption of a service and sphere of influence review for the 13 agencies that provide fire, law enforcement, crime and safety, and EMS services in Santa Barbara County. Adoption of a Resolution includes the following actions:
 - a) Find, that the action is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as “information collection” under Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines and based on the determination that this action does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (Section 15061(b)(3));
 - b) Determine, pursuant to Government Code Section 56425, that LAFCO is required to develop and determine a sphere of influence for the 13 affected agencies, and review and update, as necessary;
 - c) Determine, pursuant to Government Code Section 56430, that LAFCO is required to conduct a service review before, or in conjunction with an action to establish or update a sphere of influence; and

- d) Adopt a Resolution (LAFCO No. 2021-XX) approving the 2021 Countywide Fire Protection, Law Enforcement, Crime & Safety and Emergency Medical Service and Sphere Review with the following terms and conditions:
1. Affirming the currently adopted Spheres of Influence of the Carpinteria/Summerland, and Montecito Fire Protection Districts, as shown on Exhibits A & B, and;
 2. Amending the Spheres of Influence of the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District to include the four Channel Island areas not currently within the boundaries of a fire protection agency, as shown on Exhibit C, and
 3. Adopting a “zero” Sphere of Influence of the County Service Area 32 (Unincorporated Police Services), as shown on Exhibit D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stark, seconded by Commissioner Geyer that this item be acted on as follows:

a) through d) Approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-19

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Geyer, Commissioner Hartmann, Commissioner Stark.
Commissioner Williams

- 3) Consider amendments to Commissioner Handbook regarding:
- a) Section 7, XIV Indemnification; and
 - b) Section 13, Employee Handbook, Section 4.3 “Holiday” adding June 19th Holiday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stark, seconded by Commissioner Freeman to approve the amendments to the Commissioner Handbook.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Hartmann, Commissioner Stark, and
Commissioner Williams

- 4) Consider execution of Employment Contract with Mike Prater for executive officer services at annual salary of \$172,886.83 and \$14,407.24 monthly and effective December 9, 2021 reappoint Mr. Prater to a two-year term as Commission Executive Officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Stark to approve.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Commissioner Aceves, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Hartmann, Commissioner Stark, and Commissioner Williams

- 5) Consider and approve an Engagement Letter Agreement with Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf, LLP to perform audits of financial statements for Santa Barbara LAFCO for the years ending June 30, 2021 & 2022.

No action taken.

Information Items

- 1) Receive and file a report on Santa Barbara LAFCO application fee schedule.

No action taken.

- 2) Receive and file a report on the CALAFCO Board meetings held on November 12, 2021.

No action taken.

Commissioner and Staff Announcements

- 1) Commissioner announcements and requests for future agenda items.

No action taken.

- 2) Executive Officer comments.

No action taken.

Adjourned at 2:10 PM

Adjourned to

Thursday, January 6, 2022

**County Administration Building Board of Supervisors Hearing
Room, Fourth Floor 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara**

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